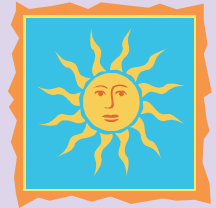




Resource Report



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Cluster Development Permitted by Right

By: **Kathy Moore, Senior Planner**
Planning Division

The Planning and Zoning Division staff is currently in the process of drafting amendments to the two zoning ordinances that are administered by the Parks and Land Use Department (the Waukesha County Zoning Code and the Waukesha County Shoreland and Floodland Protection Ordinance). One of the proposed amendments will be to allow planned unit or cluster developments as permitted uses in residential districts. Planned unit or cluster developments are a type of subdivision with smaller individual lot sizes in conjunction with areas of preserved open space that are owned in common by the lot owners in the

subdivision or dedicated to the public. These developments are currently permitted as conditional uses, which require a public hearing. The proposed change will permit planned unit or cluster developments by right in residential zoning districts, subject to enumerated criteria and to a determination as to whether a cluster development would be the most beneficial manner in which to develop the site or whether a conventional subdivision design would be more appropriate. In the analysis of whether a conventional subdivision design or a cluster development would be more appropriate, the Town Plan Commission and the Planning and Zoning Division staff will evaluate whether there are certain physical features on the site, such as wetlands,

floodplains, steep slopes, wooded areas, primary or secondary environmental corridors, isolated natural areas, wildlife habitat areas, or prime farmland, that should be preserved as open space. In reviewing a development plan, the staff and Plan Commission will consider the locations of potential house sites and what areas should be preserved. It is felt the proposed code changes will make the planned unit or cluster development method more attractive to the development community and will serve to better protect our remaining natural features. It is anticipated that a public hearing on this and other proposed amendments to the two zoning ordinances will be held in the summer of 2002. ■



Photo courtesy of Siepmann Realty Corporation

Leave A Legacy

By: Mona Bauer, Parks Division



A very important event happened at Retzer Nature Center on Arbor Day, April 26, 2002. We had the inaugural tree planted in the Legacy Forest,

Oak Savannah. This was a truly inspirational day as it was in honor of Jack R. Young, one of Retzer's Volunteer Teaching Naturalists. He was also the beloved father of Waukesha County employee, Meribeth Sullivan, who is an intern for the Recycling Division. Meribeth has been an integral part of managing the recent Compost Bin Sale, whose profits will benefit the Friends of Retzer's Building Expansion Capital Campaign.

The Legacy Forest Program is a way for participants to help ensure that many generations will experience a green tomorrow. The planting of trees in existing open spaces in our park system will help preserve the original landscape and the integrity of the natural resources now available for future generations to enjoy.

Other spring Legacy Forest plantings included eight trees planted in our newest park Fox River, located on Highway H in



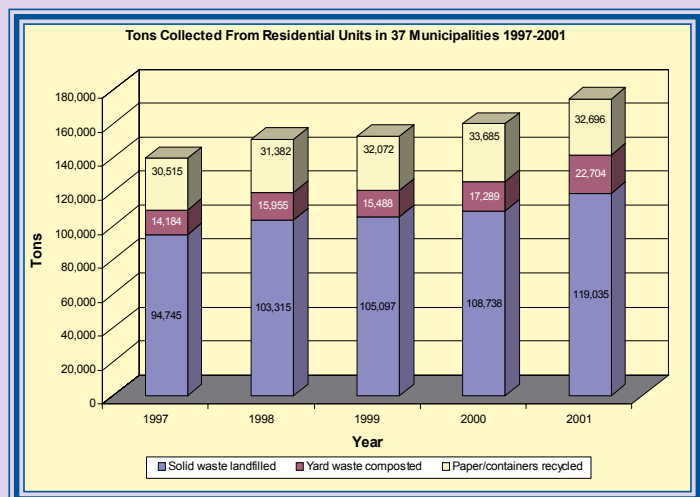
Waukesha. Spring City Garden Club dedicated 6 of the trees to steadfast members as well as their spouses. The trees were given to honor the memories of William Brenckle, Don Reinke, Al Kliest, Aaron Minor, and Mary Sutton. A wonderful oak was dedicated to Arlene Hass - Friedrichsen in honor of her inspirational leadership in promoting the Legacy Forest Program. We truly appreciate their donation to the county in creating a greener tomorrow.

The last of our last Legacy Forest Tree plantings occurred at Naga-Waukee Golf Course. This tree was donated by the Tuesday 18 Hole League in memory of Beverly Wright a long time member of their league. The sixth hole was one of Beverly's favorite spots along the golf course as she achieved an Eagle on that hole. ■

Waukesha County Recycling/Composting Rate at 32%

By: Linda Wainstock
Recycling & Solid Waste Division

In 2001, 19%, or 32,696 tons, of residential solid waste in the county was recycled and 13%, or 22,704 tons, was municipally composted, for a total of 32%. 68%, or 119,035 tons, was sent to landfills. Over the past five years, these percentages have been stable, as shown by the chart. ■



Mine Reclamation by Composting

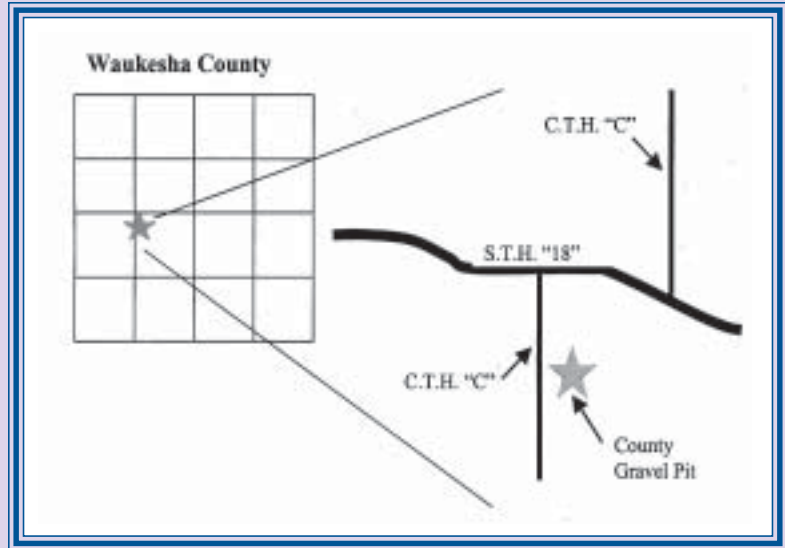
By: Perry Lindquist, Land Resources Division

A unique partnership is in the works for the county gravel pit in the Town of Genesee that could benefit the county, local communities and the environment. The county recently accepted a contractor's proposal that would allow additional sand and gravel mining to occur on the site along with a yard waste composting operation. The yard wastes would be accepted from interested communities in the county and composted on site to generate a topsoil substitute to reclaim the previously mined landscape.

This partnership allows the private sector to utilize the remaining mineral resources available on the county-owned property, while reclaiming the entire site for future urban land uses by using a waste product from our lawns and gardens. But the best news may be the financial impacts. The project will save disposal costs for the participating communities, net some additional revenues for the county parks system (through gravel royalties), while improving the value of the property all without any additional costs to the taxpayer!

Many local communities have been struggling with what to do with yard wastes. While banned from landfills since 1993, about half of the communities in the county still collect leaves, grass clippings, tree trimmings and garden wastes due to citizen demand for the service. While yard wastes make up 15% of the waste stream, options for their disposal are limited, and can be costly for a community to administer. When a local composting contractor stopped accepting yard wastes in 1999, several communities asked the county to help out.

This project offers communities a viable option to dispose of their yard wastes, while demonstrating how intergovernmental cooperation and public-private partnerships can work at the local level. Stay tuned for an update this fall when we hope to begin the operation. ■



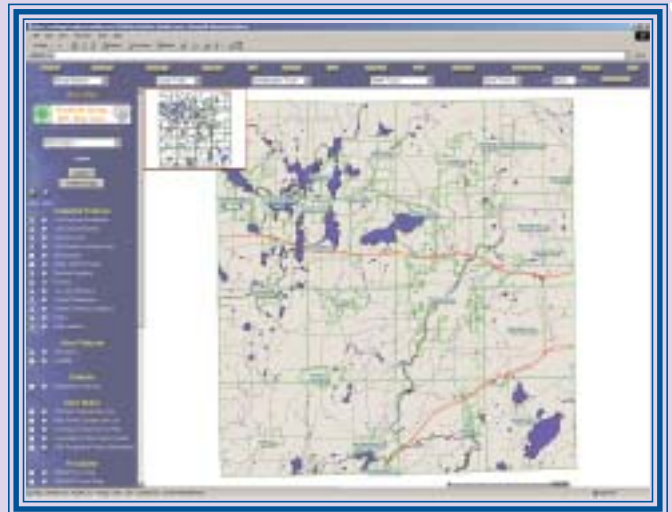
Internet Access to Land Information Available in July

By: Don Dittmar, Land Information Division

Waukesha County citizens will be able to access Land information via the Internet by mid July of 2002 using a mapping query system currently being developed. Locations in the County can be found by entering a known address or tax key number or by iwindowing in on a location displayed on a map. Once located, information regarding lot

dimensions, right-of-ways, and street names can be displayed. Natural resource information such as water features, floodplains, and soils will also be available. Planning information related to existing and planned land use as well as planned Open Space information can be displayed. Lastly, surface elevation and aerial photography will be available for viewing.

It should be noted that actual owner name and sensitive information relating to valuation will not be made available over the internet web site to protect the privacy of County land owners. The web site will have complete on-line assistance provided through a complete set of help screens and documentation regarding each presented data set. The above picture is a sample view of the site's opening screen. ■



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The Acquisition Trail

By: Mona Bauer, Parks Division

2002 has been declared by the State of Wisconsin to be the Year of the Trails and the Parks division has been hard at work purchasing land to connect spaces and places for trails in the county. The aggressive acquisition plan calls for developing the Greenway System which creates a system of linear corridors along the County's major rivers and streams, which will protect the water quality, provide continuous natural habitat, and provide water and land recreation trails for all the residents to enjoy. In addition the Greenway will help guide urban growth, connect major state, county, and local parklands, as well as other community social and cultural amenities to provide recreation and education opportunities for the use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

Some of our most recent acquisitions include Frog Hollow, a 31-acre parcel of the south shoreline of Nagawicka Lake in Delafield. This cooperative buy with the Waukesha Land Conservancy represents an effort by both groups to protect wetlands and the water quality of Nagawicka Lake with the thought of access and enjoyment of the waterways for all.

The county also recently acquired the Bernklau property as an important parcel in the Bark River Greenway Corridor. The property serves to buffer and protect the Bark River as well as preserve wetlands. This property is located in the Town of Lisbon and will protect 18.8 acres at the headwater of the Bark River containing wetland, primary environmental corridor, woodland, and flood plain.

The last acquisition was another cooperative effort with DNR on Moose Lake, which is located off of Highway C in the Town of Merton, north of Nashotah Park. The county was helpful by assisting financially in the acquisition of the property. The property on the south side of Moose Lake has a boat launch and a fishing pier, which the state plans on replacing in the future. ■

From the Desk of Daniel M. Finley...

As we head into the wonderful summer season take some time to enjoy the many pleasures of our Waukesha County Park System. Here are some of the things to check out.

Swimming – Waukesha County offers swimming opportunities all across the County. Locations include Muskego, Naga-Waukee, Menomonee, Minooka, Mukwonago, and Fox Brook Parks

Boat Launches – If you want to swim, fish, or just enjoy one of our beautiful Waukesha County lakes, we offer several options. Boat launches are available on School Section, Ashippun, Nemahbin, Nagawicka, and Pewaukee Lakes.

Biking – Get in some great exercise or take a leisurely ride on one of our Waukesha County bike trails. The Bugline, New Berlin, and Lake Country trails are at your disposal.

Golf – We have three topnotch golf courses in the Waukesha County system. Get out and enjoy a round at Moor Downs, Wanaki, or Naga-Waukee Golf Course.

Also, coming soon is the newest addition to the Waukesha County Park System. The first phase of Fox River Park in the Town of Waukesha will be opening in November of this year. More on this exciting addition in the next newsletter.

I am pleased to offer numerous recreational activities to our citizens throughout the Waukesha County Park System. I look forward to seeing you at our parks this summer!

County Adds Two New Locations to Agricultural and Business Hazardous Waste Program

By: Linda Wainstock, Recycling & Solid Waste

Businesses, farms, greenhouses and nurseries in Waukesha County now have three locations to dispose of pesticides and other hazardous chemicals. The drop off sites are:

- City of Muskego at Jensen Environmental Management
W144 S6347 College Court
Hours: Every Saturday (except holidays) from 8AM ñ Noon
- City of Waukesha Incinerator
900 Sentry Drive
Hours: 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month from 8AM ñ Noon and every 3rd Wednesday, 11AM ñ 7PM May through October (except holidays)
- Special one-day collection in Ottawa ñ Saturday, October 5, 2002
- Ottawa Town Hall/Recycling Center
W360 S3337 Hwy 67
Hours: 8AM ñ Noon

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Waukesha County Mercury Collection Program



By: Dan Lezama,
Recycling & Solid Waste

Waukesha County has begun a Mercury Collection Program offering the community a way to safely recycle mercury-containing products at several hazardous waste collection sites and through numerous pharmacies, acting as mercury thermometer collection sites.

Walgreen's pharmacies have already had a significant number of mercury thermometers brought in by the public. Waukesha South High School with the help of Jane Schnieder and the science faculty has recently disposed of all its mercury science equipment making South mercury-free. About 120 mercury lab thermometers (most

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County Adds New Locations to Ag and Business Program-

Pre-registration is required.

For registration information, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling or call the Recycling and Solid Waste office at 262-896-8327.

The hazardous waste disposal program offers cheap, convenient and safe disposal of hazardous materials to active and inactive farms and small businesses. Farmers and abandoned farms receive free disposal. Businesses will receive a 50% discount on pesticides only and pay a reduced rate on other hazardous materials. The program is coordinated by Waukesha County with grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. ■

broken), two mercury barometers, and approximately five pounds of elemental mercury were safely removed from South and recycled at no charge to the school.

Most people identify mercury as the silver liquid in old thermometers, but it is also found in a variety of products including: all non-digital household thermostats, medical instruments, silver dental fillings, some auto hood and trunk light switches, fluorescent lights, light-up shoes and games, even certain pharmaceuticals.

Disposal is free to residents and schools. Businesses pay a small disposal fee. Pre-registration is required for schools, dentists, medical clinics, and businesses. To pre-register, call 262-896-8327, or register online at www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling. Households need not pre-register.

Residents can take their products to one of the county's three household hazardous waste collection sites listed below or to any of the special one-day collection events in the county.

1. Waukesha: City Incinerator Building, 900 Sentry Drive, 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month from 8am to 4pm and every 3rd Wednesday from 11am ñ 7pm (May through October) ñ except holidays.
2. Muskego: Jensen Environmental Management, W144 S6347 College Court, every Saturday from 8am to 12noon ñ except holiday weekends.
3. Menomonee Falls: Onyx Environmental Services, W124 N9451 Boundary Road, Monday's and Wednesday's from 11am to 6pm, and every Saturday from 8am to 2pm ñ except holidays.

The public may also drop off their mercury thermometers at these participating pharmacies and receive a discount on a digital replacement:

May 1st to July 31st ñ

All Walgreen's pharmacies in the county including Lake Country Pharmacy in Oconomowoc, and Drug Emporium on Bluemound Rd., Brookfield.

August 1st to September 30th ñ

All Wal-Mart pharmacies in the county.

When mercury is released into the environment it can be very hazardous to human and environmental health. Mercury products should not be thrown in the garbage or incinerated. For more information, call 262-896-8016 or visit

www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling. ■



Rock River Coalition Starts Stream Monitoring

By: Jayne Jenks
Land Resources Division

The Rock River Coalition has launched a new Citizen Stream Monitoring program in the Rock River Basin. This includes nearly all the western half of Waukesha County, where the Bark and Oconomowoc Rivers both drain to the Rock River.

With the assistance of Waukesha County, the Rock River Coalition has been signing up volunteers to monitor streams within the Rock River Basin. Volunteers will be sampling their stream sites once a month from May to November. They will be collecting data on temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and benthic

macroinvertebrates (a really fancy term for bugs that live in the water).

The data the volunteers collect will help track the water quality of our streams and rivers. These waterways are being polluted by nonpoint or runoff pollution. Every time it rains or snow melts, water runs off rooftops, driveways, streets and sidewalks and carries a variety of pollutants down the storm drain and into our streams and rivers. These pollutants include gas and oil leaked from our automobiles, fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, soil and more.

We all contribute to water pollution. Stream monitoring is one way that some people are helping our waterways. Other simple things we all can do to help include washing the car on the lawn or at a car wash, sweeping grass clippings and fertilizers off pavement and back into the yard, picking up after our pets and disposing of the waste and directing gutter downspouts to the yard not the driveway.

If you would like more information on either stream monitoring or ways to reduce pollution from your home, please call 896-8305. Together, we can have Clean Water One Step at a Time.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM



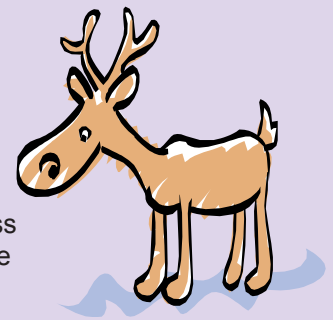
By: Mark Jenks
Land Resources Division

Again in 2002, Waukesha County will join with other counties around the state who have contracted with the USDA-Wildlife Services to participate in the

Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP). This program provides technical assistance and financial compensation for damage to agricultural lands caused by wildlife species such as deer, bear, geese and turkeys. Funding for the program comes from a \$1.00 surcharge on most hunting licenses and the sale of deer bonus tags.

The primary emphasis of the program is wildlife damage abatement. Funds are available to pay up to 75% of the costs for abatement measures such as fencing, repellents, scare devices such as pyrotechnics, propane exploders

and others. In some cases shooting permits are issued subject to local hunting restrictions. Landowners participating in the program must allow public hunting but still retain control over access and the number of hunters on the property at a given time.



The compensation portion of the program will pay up to \$15,000 per claimant after a \$250.00 deductible.

Landowners seeking compensation must follow recommended abatement measures and report the damage to the USDA-Wildlife Services office within 14 days of the first damage.

For additional information on the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, please contact the USDA-Wildlife Services office at 1-800-433-0663 or call the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use-Land Resources Division at (262) 896-8300.

New Faces



Amy Adams
joined the
Planning and

Zoning Division in February, as a Land Use Specialist. She graduated from UW-La Crosse with a B.S. degree in Biology, with an emphasis on Environmental Science. She was previously employed as a Water Management Specialist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Amy lives in Wauwatosa and is looking forward to getting married in September. She enjoys hiking, camping, and learning to play golf.

Nathan Bortz - The Environmental Health Division welcomes Nathan Bortz to our staff as an Environmental Health Sanitarian. Nathan joined our staff in February. He is a December, 2001 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental and Public Health. He enjoys participating in sports, especially basketball and football. In fact, his uncle Mark Bortz played guard for the Chicago Bears through the 1994 season.

Jason Wilke joined the Parks and Land Use Department this past December as a Senior Landscape Architect. Jason graduated from the university of Wisconsin - Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture in 1996. He worked previously as a Landscape Architect for Dane County Parks, Hawks Nursery Co., and most recently the Zimmerman Design Group. Jason is married to Lynn and is currently residing in Wauwatosa.

Meribeth Sullivan has been working part-time with Recycling & Solid Waste as an Environmental Educator since 1999. She also teaches K-12 environmental education for the Waukesha School District. Previously Meribeth was the Environmental Education Coordinator for the New Berlin School District. She has served as a program specialist with the Great Blue Heron Girl Scout Council, and as an outdoor field guide with the Milwaukee Public Schools at Oakridge Farm. Meribeth has a B.A. in Art Education with a minor in Secondary English from Carroll College.

Dan Lezama joined Recycling & Solid Waste in February as a project assistant and is currently managing the new mercury collection program. Dan graduated from St. Olaf College with a major in Biology and is bilingual English/Spanish. He previously worked as a microtech employee with Silliker, Inc. making media used in food testing. Dan enjoys performing in theater and musical productions.

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There is more in us than we
know. If we can be made
to see it, perhaps, for
the rest of our lives,
we will be unwilling
to settle for less.

Kurt Hahn 1886-1974

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